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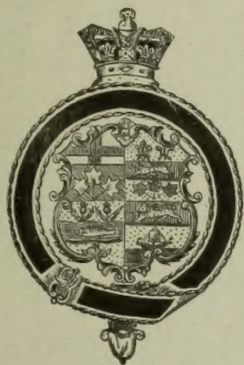
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The Town of Thorold.

THOROLD possesses the unusual combination of the advantages of a manufacturing town and the attractiveness of a residence town.

Within nine miles of the greatest water-power in the world, Niagara Falls, it also contains within the corporation limits power sufficient to operate scores of factories. Both the old and the new Welland canals run through the town. Each has twenty-five locks with a drop of 10 feet. Much of the power on the old canal is yet unrented, while none of that on the new canal has so far been utilized. Excellent shipping facilities are also offered by these two waterways, while the main line of the Grand Trunk railway, with its Merritton station only one mile away, and its branch line, the Welland railway, passing through the town, offer additional means of transportation. Thorold is made further accessible by an electric street-car line that runs to St. Catharines. A second electric line, the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto, connects it at the north with Port Dalhousie, from which place lake steamers run daily to Toronto

during the summer, and at the south-east with Niagara Falls (N.Y.), from which an American trolley line runs to Buffalo.

Situated on the brow of the Niagara escarpment, in the most fertile fruit district of Canada, Thorold possesses all the attractions of healthfulness and natural beauty. Its invigorating air and good drinking water especially recommend it. With the exception of Nova Scotia and British Columbia, it has the warmest winters in the Dominion, while the mountain breezes make its summer temperature much more delightful than the average watering place.

Thorold possesses also most of the conveniences for a well equipped modern town. Granolithic pavements have this year been laid along the principal streets. The corporation owns an electric light plant which supplies twenty-five arc lights of 1200-candle power for the streets, and which has also a capacity of 2000 incandescent lights, for which citizens pay three cents per week per 16-candle power light.

Each of the four religious bodies, Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic, owns a handsome church

of grey stone. The education of the youth is well provided for by a well equipped three-master high school, two public schools and a Roman Catholic separate school. Additional advantages also are offered by the free public library of 6,000 volumes.

Eleven factories and four quarries already furnish employment to a few hundred persons. Thorold has also a steam fire engine, capable of throwing water over any building in the corporation, a first-class fire company, board of trade, good banking facilities, four hotels and a free market.

The district about Thorold is particularly interesting. The town commands a fine view of the valley at the north, with the vineyards, fertile fields and richly stocked orchards of Lincoln county. Adjoining the town at the north lies the busy village of Merriton, while immediately beyond that is St. Catharines, the only city in the district. The blue waters of Lake Ontario, dotted with vessels during the summer, form a background for the whole scene. On clear days the coast-line of the opposite shore, fifty-two miles distant, can be discerned, while at night the lights of Toronto illuminate the horizon.

SOCIETIES, ETC.

L. O. L. No. 130, meets first Wednesday of each month in Orange Hall, Front street.

Victoria L. O. L. No. 204, first Thursday in Orange Hall.

Thorold Division No. 90, S. of T., every Tuesday in Temperance Hall, Front street.

Summit Lodge No. 41, A. O. U. W., second and fourth Monday in Temperance Hall.

Livingstone Lodge No. 130, I. O. O. F., every Tuesday in Odd-fellows' lodge-room, Front street.

Thorold Circle No. 20, O. C. H. C., second Thursday of each month in Temperance Hall.

Thorold Council No. 7, C. O. C. F., first and third Monday in Temperance Hall.

Beaver Council No. 13, R. T. of T., first Thursday in Temperance Hall.

Branch No. 24, C. M. B. A., second and fourth Tuesday in St. Joseph's hall (over separate school).

Court Thorold No. 201, C. O. F., first and third Tuesday in Orange Hall.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Wednesday on or before full moon in Masonic Hall, Front street.

Thorold Council No. 9583, American Federation of Labor, second and third Friday in Temperance Hall

Catholic Young Men's Club, every Tuesday in Grenville's hall, Albert street.

Thorold Reed Band, 26 pieces; meets for practice and business in the Town-Hall every Wednesday

CHURCHES.

Methodist Church of Canada, Pine street; Rev. John Kaye, Pastor. St. John's (Church of England), corner Claremont and Carlton streets; Rev. F. C. Piper, rector.

Presbyterian, corner Claremont and Ormond streets; Rev. W. A. Cook, pastor.

Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (Roman Catholic), corner Queen and Mill streets; Rev. T. J. Sullivan, pastor.

(All these are substantial and beautiful stone edifices).

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Front street.

MUNICIPAL BOARDS, ETC.

Town Council—Leslie McMann, Mayor; A. McClenchy, Wm. Monro, Wm. Williams, R. G. Hoover, James McGill and George Turner, Councillors.

Town Officials—Wm. T. Fish, Town Clerk; Miss Mina Dougan,

Town Treasurer; A. Clark, Chief of Police; J. Reuter, Constable; W. Galbraith, Market Clerk; James Cook, Caretaker of Cemetery.

Protection Hose Co. No. 1—Meets first Monday in each month in Fire Hall; thirty-five members; A. J. Fisher, Captain; Geo. S. Dawson, Secretary.

Public Library Board—T. E. Simson (Chairman), D. J. C. Munro, (Sec.-Treas.), W. T. Fish, D. E. Millar, James Battle, W. F. Bald, L. G. Lorrinan and J. N. F. Hillman. Librarian, Mrs. Garden.

SCHOOL BOARDS AND TEACHERS.

High School Board—W. M. Hendershot (Chairman), Rev. W. A. Cook (Sec.-Treas.), D. Battle, J. M. Wallace, G. H. Shaw, Neil Campbell (M. D.), S. G. Gartley.

Teachers—Headmaster, W. F. Bald (M. A.); first assistant, Miss M. T. H. Smith; second assistant, Thos. Kennedy.

Public School Board—J. H. Wilson (Chairman), James Millar, A. McClenchy, W. R. Cave, W. Martin, Geo. Turner, G. H. Williams and Wm. Martin. D. E. Millar, Sec.-Treas.

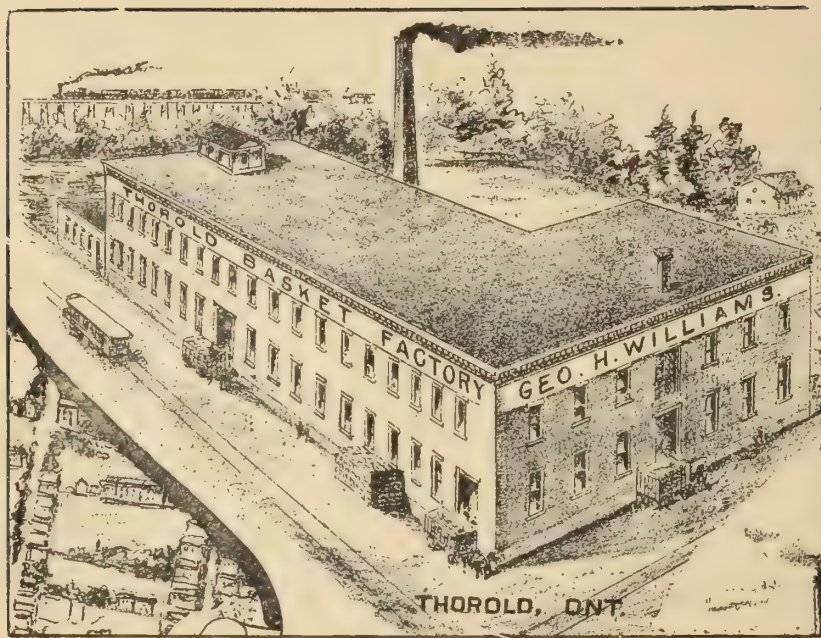
Teachers L. G. Lorrinan, Miss M. Robertson, Miss A. Gray, W. H. Clipperton and Miss M. Fleming.

Separate School Board—David Battle (Chairman), Matthew Battle (Sec.-Treas.), John Conlon, Patrick McMahon, Arch. McKeague, M. J. Jordan, James Swinton, Joseph Saunders.

The teaching staff of the school are members of the religious order known as the Order of St. Joseph.



THE TOWN OF THOROLD (LOOKING FROM THE EAST)



Basket-making at Thorold.

Few industries in this district have flourished as steadily and surely as the Thorold Basket Factory. Commencing on a small scale in 1830, Mr. Williams was forced by the increased demand for his goods to employ more workmen each year, till finally the old factory down in the hollow became altogether inadequate. In 1890 he erected the fine brick building on the corner of Ormond and Portland streets that has since become so well known to every fruit grower in the Niagara district, the old place being used for storage purposes. But still the business demanded more room. Vacant lots on all sides were utilized; huge piles of timber and basket material covered every available space, and last the old skating rink, a frame building 50 x 150 feet, was purchased and filled with manufactured product. Geo. H. Williams, the proprietor, is in immediate control, and to his thorough knowledge of the business the town is indebted for one of its best wage-paying industries. For years the pay-roll has averaged \$1,000 a month. The sale of one-quart berry baskets in good seasons closely approaches

the two-million mark, besides enormous quantities of larger sizes and crates. The bulky nature of these goods calls forth considerable ingenuity in shipping. A great many car-loads of a basket invented and patented by Mr. Williams himself have been shipped "flat," to be put together by the customer, especially where the goods are shipped long distances; and the huge wagons used for nearer delivery are a familiar sight to people for miles around. Altogether Mr. Williams is to be congratulated on having realized those hopes of enlargement and success that, as lighthouses, encourage merchant and manufacturer to use every effort to weather the storms of business adversity until prosperity sheds genial rays of comfort on both him and his employees. And Thorold is to be congratulated on having Mr. Williams and his factory secure within her corporation limits at a time when competition grows ever keener between municipalities for such live concerns and solid citizens.

Arch. McKeague.

FRESH AND CURED MEATS.

Arch. McKeague, the proprietor of Thorold's oldest established meat market, is a native of the town, and has grown up with the meat business. His shop is situated on Albert street, and is fully stocked at all times with the very choicest selections of beef and other fresh meats which the wholesalers can supply, while the choicest brands of cured meats are also kept. Mr. McKeague's Christmas and Easter displays were truly marvellous, nothing being spared to show the customer the superior qualities of the goods offered. At the rear, and in connection, is a fully equipped sausage factory, a 3-h. p. steam engine supplying the power, where the meat is transformed into sausage in season.

Collier & Burson

Barristers & Solicitors
Thorold, Ont.

H. H. COLLIER
G. B. BURSON

D. J. C. Munro

Fire Insurance Agent
Issuer of Marriage Licenses
Clerk 5th Division Court, Co. Welland
Front street

J. H. Wilson.

MAPLE LEAF BAKERY.

The Maple Leaf Bakery, under the proprietorship of Mr. John H. Wilson, is one of the oldest established businesses in town. Delivery-waggons from the Maple Leaf are sent regularly to Merriton and Allanburgh, besides thoroughly covering Thorold and vicinity every day. All Mr. Wilson's bread is of the very first class, as none but the best journeymen bakers, as well as perfect materials, are employed by him. In addition to the Bake-shop there is a very up-to-date confectionery shop, where the best products of such firms as Perrin, Patterson, McCormick and others, besides vast quantities of home-made pastry, are retailed.

Mr. Wilson has also been connected with the municipal government of the town for many years. In 1877 he was elected to the council board, and from that time to 1895 he was elected eleven times. In 1897 he was elected mayor, and then retired, declining further municipal honors. For many years he has been a member also of the public school board, and for six years chairman of that body.

G. W. Hay.

MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Mr. Hay has lately opened a meat market on Front street, four doors from the post-office. Besides all kinds of fresh and salted meats, Mr. Hay handles first class oysters and all kinds of fish in season. Also butter and eggs at regular market prices. Mr. Hay is well acquainted with his business, from killing the meat to wrapping it up and giving you your change. Although not the oldest established meat-shop in town, there is not one better equipped or more quickly served. If you like it sliced thin, you just have to say so. His stock is just as extensive and as good in summer as in winter, and the prices are kept as low as possible. His oysters in season are the best in town, and you will come again next Friday if you try fish once from him.

R. Shriner

Blacksmith and General Jobber

Front street

Thorold

J. C. Frey

Boots and Shoes, best makes and full stock
Careful attention to Repairs
Oddfellows' Building, Front street

Monro & Roantree

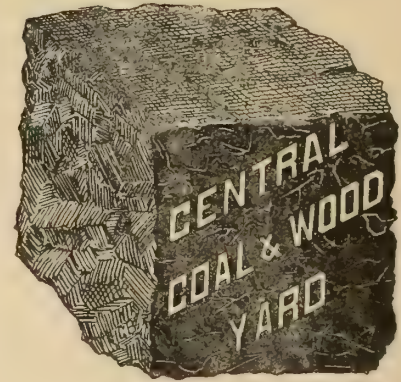
FIFE ROLLER FLOUR AND GRIST MILLS

A FLOUR-MILL has as much to do with a town's prosperity as industries with far larger pay-rolls, and Thorold is indebted to Messrs. Monro & Roantree for the visits of a large number of country people to the town. "The Fife Roller Flour and Grist Mills" are fitted with the most modern machinery for manufacturing flour, meal, chop stuffs, etc., and has a capacity of a thousand barrels of flour per week. Several of the brands of flour manufactured by Monro & Roantree have more than a local reputation, besides being in daily use by a large number of Welland and Lincoln county families. This mill formerly belonged to the James Norris Estate, who ran it for many years. When the present proprietors took hold they lost no time in remodelling the plant entire, bringing the mechanical part right up to date, and both proprietors are thorough, practical business men, in keeping with the efficiency of the rest of the establishment. Wm. Monro is still a young man, but has been a member of the municipal council over and over again, being elected reeve once and councillor a number of times, and few members have served the interests of the people better, or more deserved the confidence shown by the public in repeated re-election. R. B. Roantree, the other member of the firm, was formerly manager of another and larger mill, but left his position to enter into this partnership that has been successful from the start, and was also for a number of years a member of the high school board. Both are married men, and the sort of citizens a town needs more of—men whose business and family ties hold them fast to the municipal life of the place.

J. M. Howell & Son,

COAL, WOOD, ICE, INSURANCE,

C OAL, wood and ice are very essential commodities to the community, and engaged in supplying the public in these useful essentials are Messrs. John Howell & Son, whose coal and wood-yard is located on Front street, near lock 23 of the old Welland canal. Mr. Howell senior succeeded last year to the business established by Mr. Joseph Battle, and Jan. 1st associated his son in business with him. The firm is prepared to supply hard and soft coal in any quantity, and deal in hard and soft wood, sawed or split, all at the lowest market quotations. Blacksmiths' coal is a specialty. Added to this, Messrs. Howell & Son deal in ice, cutting and having a storage capacity for some 800 tons, which during the season is delivered to any part of the town. In connection with the coal-yard they own and conduct the only skating-rink in town, which is available for parties or clubs who appreciate this exhilarating sport. They also are fire insurance agents, and represent the Sun, Norwich Union and National fire companies, three of the largest and best known companies in the dominion.



McCleary & McLean's Lumber and Planing Mills.



SITUATED just over the line, in the neighboring village of Merritton, this big lumber business is practically a Thorold institution. Wm. McCleary, the head of the firm, resides in Thorold, where the firm do their banking and mailing business, and is in many ways identified with the past and present interests of the town, as well as of the county, which he represented for one term (four years) in the Ontario Legislature, and also for one term (five years) in the Dominion Parliament, as the choice of the Conservative party. Mr. McCleary, previous to his parliamentary experience, served the town in almost every representative capacity, having been elected councillor, deputy-reeve, reeve, and finally mayor for two years (1887-8). As deputy-reeve and reeve he looked after the town's interests at the county council board from 1882 to 1886 inclusive, being elected warden for 1884. He was also a member of the high school board for many

years, and is a leading official of the Methodist church, with an active interest in many of its connexional objects. His partner, John McLean, is a resident of Merritton, and for a long time served at the council board of that village, being seven times elected reeve, and in 1889 was warden of the county of Lincoln, besides having held other offices of responsibility and trust, and is also an official of the Thorold Methodist church. The name of McCleary & McLean is as familiar to Thoroldites as the name of the town itself, and the lumber and furnishings for a large portion of the dwellings of the town, and in fact of both counties, has come from their extensive saw and planing-mills. Besides building supplies, the firm have handled some of the largest contracts for timber for railway and canal construction that have been placed in this part of the province. Their planing-mill, a large frame building in the centre of the lumber yard, is thoroughly equipped for the manufacture of sash, frames, doors, mouldings, and almost every conceivable requirement of wood, hard or soft. The planers are situated on the ground-floor, the largest being capable of dressing a stick of square timber 26 x 26 inches in size and 50 feet in length. The saw-mill, on the bank of the canal above, is arranged for the easy handling of the logs and the output, and is capable of sawing 20,000 feet of lumber per day. A large business in imported shingles and lumber is done, the appearance of the site, comprising four or five acres, being that of some of the great lumbering establishments of the Ottawa valley.

Thorold has had an organized fire company since August 29, 1853. Protection Fire Co. No. 1 was organized December 23, 1874, on the disbandment of the previous company, and in 1878 the name was changed to Protection Hose Co. No. 1, which it has borne continuously ever since. The beautiful hall shown here was erected in 1877-8, and houses the steam fire engine which won out against all competitors at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. It is a Ronald from Brussels (Ont.), and not long ago was sent back to the factory and was entirely rebuilt. Besides the engine, there are three hose-reels with 2,000 feet of hose (500 feet of new hose just added), sufficient so that any part of the town may be reached from one canal or the other. The company consists of 30 members, who receive \$6 each from the town, while the chief engineer receives \$100, the second engineer \$50, the secretary \$10, and the janitor \$10. The company was incorporated in 1887, and owns in its own right the finest parade hose carriage in the dominion, which is always an object of admiration at tournaments, whether at home or abroad. The officers are: A. J. Fisher, captain; Wm. Allen, first lieutenant; A. Martin, second lieutenant; Geo. Dawson, secretary; A. McClenchy, treasurer; N. Boutcher, first engineer; R.



THE FIRE HALL.

Shriper, second engineer; branchmen, James Holland, E. Cox, Geo. Holland, W. Hansel, J. Payne, T. Kennedy; janitor, P. Steep.

The Thorold Board of Trade has been organized for a number of years, and includes all the business men of the town, besides many others. The president is Mr. D. B. Crombie, manager of the Quebec Bank, who took a leading interest in the formation of the board, and has been a leading spirit ever since. Mayor McMann is vice-president, T. E. Simson treasurer, and James Battle secretary. Any of these gentlemen will be pleased to supply information in regard to available power, etc.

At this date the construction of granolithic sidewalks to cover the entire town is nearly completed, the people having voted \$30,000 for this purpose in 1901.

A strong interest is taken by most of the leading citizens, as well as taxpayers generally, in the construction of waterworks, which will probably materialize in the near future in the installation of a system, which can be done very cheaply, either by standpipe or direct force, as the town controls ample water-power at the electric light station.



This view is down the Old Welland Canal from the centre of the town, and shows the source of the water-power that runs the various mills and factories in the northern section. To the left is shown the extensive lumber establishment of John McDonagh, with four acres of land as a site, on which a provisional company now holds an option for the construction of a paper-mill. To the right is seen the head of several powers, and extending down the canal from this view-point are a number of shops and mills with their powers, each lock having a fall of twelve feet and yielding about 400-h. p.

James Wilson.

GENERAL STORE, FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP.

One of Thorold's most enterprising citizens is Mr. James Wilson, who during 1900 and 1901 was its mayor, and under whose administration several very substantial improvements were inaugurated, especially as regards sidewalks and electric lights. Mr. Wilson also served in the town council prior to his election to the civic chair, and has at all times evinced an active interest in all that pertained to the welfare and betterment of the town. Mr. Wilson came to Thorold in 1857, and entered business as a carpenter and builder. Subsequently he established a grocery and hardware store on Front street, which has proven very successful, and which is today in a very flourishing condition. But it is in connection with the iron and foundry business that Mr. Wilson is best known to the commercial world. This plant, located in the adjoining village of Merriton, comprises a foundry and moulding department 28 x 48, machine-shop 24 x 90, with a pattern-shop overhead ; a wire rope manufactory 30 x 62, with a blacksmith shop in the rear 21 x 40 ;

these various departments being all connected, and, with the exception of the blacksmith-shop, in a stone building and under one roof, the blacksmith-shop being of brick and also connected with the main structure. The foundry is equipped with modern machinery and appliances for the manufacture of mill and railway castings, as also contractors' plants and machinists' tools, in addition to which any length of wire rope for power or hoisting purposes can be readily turned out. Special attention is given to the repairing of machinery of all kinds, and altogether it is practically one of the best plants of its character in Ontario, its products going to all sections of the Dominion.

Mrs. J. Stewart

Dealer in Groceries and Provisions

Farmer's Produce taken in exchange

Front street

J. A. Taggart

Custom Boot and Shoe maker

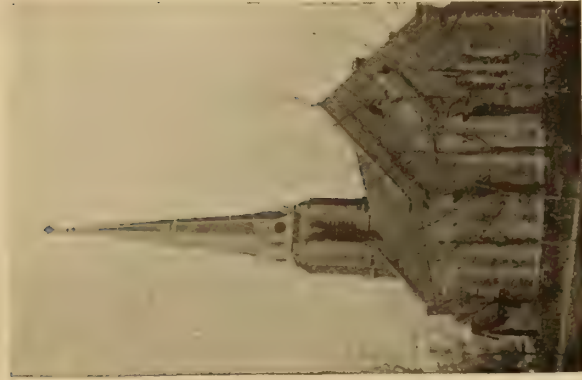
Repairing a specialty

Front Street, Thorold

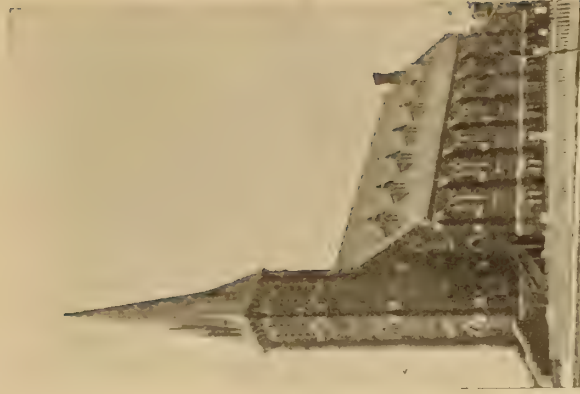
Caledonia Company

DRY GOODS, MILLINERY AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS

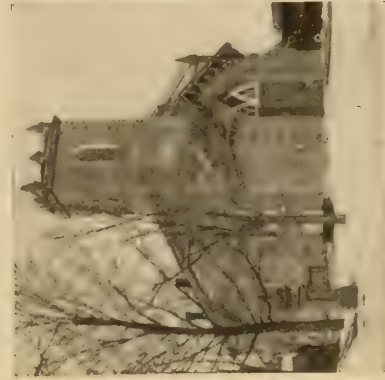
One of the best-equipped general dry goods stores to be found in the Niagara district is that of the Caledonia Company, situated on Front street. This is a double-front, brick store, in which is found a thoroughly well-selected stock of dry goods and gent's furnishings of all kinds ; also a beautiful and artistically displayed stock of millinery, the millinery rooms being at the rear, and in charge of an efficient artiste. The whole place suggests neatness and freshness, and this is found to be just what the entire stock is—no old out-of-date goods, but everything new and good. As the seasons change, new lines are brought in, so that the customer always finds just what is wanted at the store of the Caledonia Company. The room above the store is utilized as a Music Hall, and is seated with chairs, with a commodious platform at the rear, making it a very convenient place for concerts and social functions.



St. John's Church of England



Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
(Roman Catholic)



Methodist Church



Presbyterian Church

THOROLD CHURCHES



Residence of David Battle



Residence of T. H. Paterson



Residence of Neil Campbell, M. D.



Residence of Rev. T. J. Sullivan

Stuart's Machine Shop and Foundry.

THAT Thorold is not lacking in industry and enterprise is emphasized in the fact that within its confines is one of the largest and best equipped iron manufacturing plants in Southern Ontario, known as the Stuart Foundry and Machine Works, and which has been in successful operation since 1865, and for the past three years under the sole management of Mr. John Stuart. This enterprise, located on Front street, near lock No. 22 of the old Welland canal, and extending through to Ormond street in the rear, is and has been a potent factor in the development of the business and industrial interests of the town, not only from the fact that it furnishes employment to from fifteen to twenty skilled artizans, but its mechanical products embrace a wide range of manufacture, and its output permeates all sections of the Dominion. The plant comprises a three-story machine and pattern storage building 48 x 35, a moulding and casting foundry 85 x 35, a blacksmith shop 60 x 28, and a two-story building 40 x 24 mainly devoted to



the storage of patterns. The buildings are of modern construction, and are thoroughly adapted to business requirements by reason of being equipped with the latest and most improved machinery and tools, including one of the largest machine lathes manufactured, and capable of turning out a twenty-four-foot shaft, together with a machine gear planer, the latter being one of only three in use by any similar establishments in Ontario. The manufacture of contractors' plants, comprising steam drills, pulleys, derricks and hoisting engines, as also mill machinery of all kinds, constitutes the chief production of the plant, though equipped for the manufacture of castings, shafting and machine tools of every description, and exceptionally well adapted to the repairing of all kinds of machinery in a prompt and thorough manner. Among the many industrial plants in Ontario which have been equipped with machinery the product of this plant are the Riordon Pulp and Paper-mills at Merriton and Hawkesbury, the Canadian Cotton-mills at Merriton, and the Whitman-Barnes manufacturing plant at St. Catharines.



Rosebank, residence of John Stuart.



The above view shows one of the few powers on the Old Welland Canal which has never yet been developed, at lock 25 (12 feet fall), inside the town of Thorold, and within 350 yards of the centre of the town. The Dominion government has placed all the power at this point (400-h.p.) at the disposal of the town council, on condition that it be developed and not allowed to lie idle. To this end the council is willing to meet and to deal most liberally with manufacturers seeking locations for industries. This is a most favorable site, as shown, being in close proximity to the N. St. C. & T. railway freight yards, so that shipping of raw material in or finished products out may be by either rail or water. The depot of the Grand Trunk is also only a quarter of a mile away. Or if it be found advisable to erect the factory in some other portion of the town, power developed at lock 25 may be transmitted by electricity. Correspondence with the mayor or the Board of Trade is invited.

Penman Knitting Mills.

THAT nothing succeeds like success is fully evidenced by the volume of business annually transacted by the Penman Manufacturing Co., Limited, whose headquarters are at Paris, Ont., and of which Mr. John Penman is President; G. H. Bisby, vice-president; O. R. Whitby, secretary-treasurer; and J. B. Henderson, general manager. To the latter is largely due its present flourishing condition. This enterprising and progressive corporation control seven manufacturing plants, four of which are located at Paris, Ont., and one each at Coaticooke, P. Q., and Port Dover and Thorold, Ont. The mill at Thorold is devoted to the production of high grade men's winter underwear, which is shipped to and sold through their selling agents throughout the Dominion. The Thorold plant has been established for some eighteen years, and is under the efficient administration of O. J. Phelps, the local manager, and is located

on John street, near lock 22 of the old Welland canal. It comprises a substantial four-story building of stone, 72 x 80 ft., with a two-story annex 70 x 40 ft., and a three-story warehouse 40 x 60 ft., together with a boiler-house equipped with an 80-h.p. boiler. The upper story of the main building is utilized as a stock and parceling room, the third story for spinning and knitting, the second for carding, and the main apartment for finishing. The annex is mainly devoted to scouring and dyeing, the upper story being in use for general utility purposes, while the warehouse is used as a picker department in the basement, the balance for storage of raw stock. The plant is what is commonly known as a three-set mill, and is thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and appliances, including fifteen knitting machines, four mules of two hundred and sixty spindles each, and furnishes employment to eighty or more hands constantly. To keep this plant in operation requires about 100,000 pounds of Australian and Cape wool annually, as nothing but the highest grades of men's underwear are manufactured. All in all the plant is a credit, not only to the enterprise and progressiveness of the Penman Manufacturing Co., but also to the town of Thorold.



THE PENMAN MILL AT THOROLD

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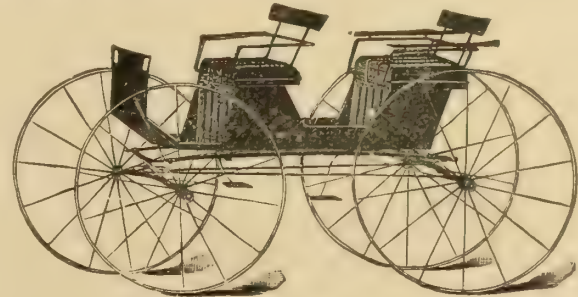
among the leading business men and manufacturers in and out of town, including Niagara Falls, Ont. and N. Y., St. Catharines, Merriton and other places. A general banking business is done, and a Savings Department is in connection. The bank has been a great convenience to the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the town, many of whom do a Provincial and even an import trade. The present Manager takes an active interest in the advancement of the town, being President of the Board of Trade, and freely lends his aid and influence to whatever promises to secure its future prosperity.

THE Quebec Bank was founded in Quebec city July 9, 1818; incorporated Nov. 30, 1822; and has branches in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. The capital is \$3,000,000, with \$2,500,000 paid in, and a rest of \$700,000. The General Manager is Mr. Thos. McDougall of Montreal. The Thorold branch has been established for thirty years, the present Manager, Mr. D. B. Crombie, having been identified with it since 1881, and during that period has built up a large and successful business, with customers

George Turner

CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER AND BLACKSMITH

TO be able to construct any kind of a vehicle, from a wheelbarrow to a modern tally-ho coach, and this from the raw material to the finished product, is an achievement to be proud of; and yet this is just what Mr. Geo. Turner, whose blacksmith shop and carriage manufactory is located at the corner of Claremont and Ormond streets, is and has been doing since 1874. Mr. Turner's particular specialty is the building of what is known as a combination wagon, or in other words a two- or three-seated democrat road-wagon, which can readily be converted into a fruit carrying vehicle, which, though light, is strong and serviceable. He also manufactures other classes of carriages and sleighs, both upon order and for sale.



In the repository can be found carriages and sleighs of his own workmanship, and to which inspection is invited, the prices being more than reasonable. Another specialty in which Mr. Turner excels is that of blacksmithing and horse-shoeing, interfering and over-reaching animals being given special attention. Then, again, if jobwork in painting or trimming or carriage repairing, either wood or iron work, is required, Mr. Turner's establishment is just the place to secure promptness combined with first-class work and reasonable prices.

The Battle Thorold Cement Works

ONE of the most important of Thorold's industrial plants is that of the Thorold Cement Works, established in 1841 by John Brown, who at his decease was succeeded by the late John Battle, and which, since the latter's decease, has been conducted as the Estate of John Battle. The plant comprises forty-four acres of lime and cement rock east of the new Welland canal, equipped with steam drills, the material quarried being transferred by tram-car to the burning-kilns, and from thence by rail to the mill, 150 x 50, located on the east side of the old Welland canal, and bordered in the rear by the N. St. C. and T. railway, sidings from which extend to the mill, and traverse the quarry for nearly half a mile, with convenient switches to its vitals. The mill is thoroughly equipped, and has a capacity for the storage of 20,000 barrels, the capacity of the plant being 100,000 barrels annually, employment being given to about sixty hands. Adjacent to the mill is a smaller building, in which are located the offices. Thorold Cement has long since passed the experimental stage, having been largely used in the construction of all the leading railways of Canada, and commended by engineers and contractors throughout the dominion. Of late it has become a potent factor in the construction of basement barns, silos, pig-pens, as also dairy cellars and basement floors, its salient features being its economy and durability combined with warmth in winter and coolness in summer, facts which the thrifty farmer appreciates. The productive capacity of the quarry has recently been increased by the introduction of additional operating

machinery, including a stone crusher, by which the rubble stone contained therein can be utilized for the macadamizing of roads, concreting work and basement floorings. Also for the quarrying of dimension stone for building purposes.

The late John Battle, as also his sons, have always been identified in all that pertained to the welfare of Thorold. In public life Mr. David Battle was a member of the Town Council in 1880-1 and 2, a member and chairman of the Separate School Board for twenty years, and is at present a member of the High School Board, serving continuously for the past fourteen years, two years of which he was chairman of the Board. Mr. James Battle was a member of the town council in 1888-9, Deputy Reeve and County Councillor in '90-91-92, and Reeve the latter year. Mr. Joseph Battle was Deputy Reeve in '95, and Reeve in '96, as also County Councillor both years, and Mayor in '98-99. All, including Mr. Matthew Battle, are members of the Board of Trade, Mr. James Battle being secretary thereof. The latter has also been president of the Thorold Agricultural Society, a member of the Separate School and Public Library Boards.



THE LATE JOHN BATTLE

railway, east of the new canal. At the mill a double siding facilitates taking in the burnt cement, and after grinding to ship it to any point of the compass, with the utmost expedition, and entirely without teams.

A. McClenchy

FLOUR AND FEED, FIELD AND GARDEN SEEDS

Thorold not only maintains numerous prosperous industries, but is the habitation of many enterprising and progressive business men, who believe in the future prosperity of the town, among whom is Mr. A. McClenchy, who, aside from conducting a very successful flour and feed business, located in the Batten block, corner of Albert and Front streets, is identified with other interests. Mr. McClenchy is at present, and has been for three years past, one of the most active members of the Town Council, and was a member of the same body in 1895-6-9-90 and 91, and Mayor in '95. He is also, and has been for eight years past, a member of the Public School Board, is treasurer of Protection Hose Co., and served eight years as Captain therein, and is identified with several local bodies. Mr. McClenchy has been identified with the flour and grain trade for many years, ten years of which he has been in business for himself. He deals in flour and mill feed of all kinds, as also field and garden seed of all description, which business, by untiring energy and strict business integrity, he has succeeded in bringing into pre-eminence.

R. Dougan & Co.

GROCERIES

There is no mistaking the fact that enterprise and honest business methods, coupled with the best of goods at prices that are neither unreasonable or extortionate, are prime factors to the success of any business, whatever its character, for the public are not slow in recognizing these facts, or in bestowing their patronage. It is precisely these attributes which have made the establishment of R. Dougan & Co. so popular with Thoroldites. To be sure it was founded many years since—when Thorold was but a village, so to speak—but its popularity has increased rather than waned. Since the decease of Mr. Dougan in 1893 it has been conducted by his son and daughters, who have not only kept pace with the times, but have continually added new features, until at present it is one of the leading grocery houses of Thorold. Not only the best of fine staple and fancy groceries, including teas, coffees, spices, canned and bottled goods, and relishes, together with a choice line of confectionery, can be procured therein, but they deal largely in china, crockery and glassware, as also lamp goods. In addition to this they have recently made a feature of handling school supplies, which includes textbooks and stationery, and which has become a very popular innovation. It goes without saying that for quality, price, and prompt and courteous service, it is one of the best establishments of its character in or out of Thorold.

T. E. Simson

GROCERIES, CROCKERY, BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.

One never can determine the quantity of milk in a cocoanut without breaking the shell, neither can one judge as to the size or contents of a business establishment by an exterior inspection. This can be truly said of the store of Mr. T. E. Simson, located in the Masonic Temple building on Front street, which is one of the leading, as likewise one of the oldest, business houses on the street. The premises are wide and exceedingly deep, with a storage extension in the rear, in all 145 feet in depth, to which egress is obtained to the adjoining street. Within the main store at the front can be found a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries in variety enough to stock the larder of the most exacting of epicureans, and at prices that are commensurate with the quality thereof. A large and varied assortment of crockery and glassware is a very essential feature of the business, while midway of the premises is a full line of trunks, valises and travelling equipages. But this does not comprise all, for Mr. Simson carries a large line of boots, shoes and rubbers, in fact footwear of all kind, of all sizes, and for either sex. The store is a model of neatness and convenience, and is not only a credit to its proprietor but to the town of Thorold. Mr. Simson is well known to Thorold's inhabitants, is treasurer of the Board of Trade, and chairman of the Public Library Board.

Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway.

THOROLD offers advantages to the manufacturer possessed by but few Canadian towns, for, aside from water transportation, it is on the direct line of the N. St. C. & T. Railway, extending from Niagara Falls (N. Y.) to Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario, where, in connection with the N. St. C. & T. Navigation Co.'s steamers, and to Buffalo via the Buffalo and Niagara Falls electric line, it constitutes a picturesque passenger and a convenient and economical freight line between the central gateway of America and Toronto, the Queen City of the Dominion. By special traffic agreement with the Michigan Central, Wabash, and C. P. R. at Niagara Falls, Ont., and the C. P. R., R. & O. Navigation Co., and Merchants' line of steamers at Toronto, the Company are enabled to reach all important points in Canada, the U. S. and Europe, through bills of lading being issued thereto. The road is equipped with steam and electric power, the latter for passenger service, and is of vast importance to Thorold's manufacturing interests, as sidings extend to many of the plants, and its progressive managers are prepared to extend additional facilities when occasion demands. Its headquarters are at St. Catharines, Mr. John W. Herbert being president, Hon. A. B. Colvin vice-president, Emilius Jarvis secretary, who with Messrs. Z. A. Lash (K.C.), J. A. Powers, J. W. Flavelle, and J. Ledlie Hees, constitute its directorate, with E. F. Siexas as general manager, and W. N. Warburton general freight agent. The road's passenger equipment is maintained at a high standard, and baggage is checked to and from terminals and intermediate points. To the lover of the grand in nature it offers a delightfully picturesque traffic diversion, for in leaving Niagara Falls (N. Y.) it crosses the upper arch bridge in full view of both the American and Canadian Falls, thence traversing a section which is appropriately called "The Garden of Canada," for dotted here and there are vast fruit farms with their luscious products of peaches, apples, pears, plums and grapes. During the summer season steamers connect to and from Port Dalhousie and Toronto, making four trips daily, from June 1 to September 15, at 8 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 5 p.m., from either port, the entire trip from Buffalo to Toronto being but a trifle over three hours. In addition to the main line one can enjoy a side trip to Falls View, via the N. E. W. P. & C. tramway, operated by the N. St. C. & T. Railway.

J. F. Gamble.

MERCHANT, TAILOR AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

In 1898 J. F. Gamble came from Niagara Falls to Thorold and opened a custom tailoring establishment. It was soon demonstrated that he had come to the right place at the right time, as his methods were up-to-date, and his order-book was full, and he added a stock of suitings of all lines suitable for the old and the young. In 1900 he branched out still further, and added a full stock of gent's furnishings, so that his customers could go out from his hands completely reapparelled in the most fashionable attire. In 1902, again, he still further added a full stock of readymade clothing, hats, caps, etc. Coupled with his business abilities is a ready interest in matters of a public nature, and Mr. Gamble is a valued counsellor in manly sports of all kinds—but they must be manly to command his sympathies. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a director for several years and now secretary-treasurer of the agricultural society, and takes an interest in all that is for the best welfare of the people. Though but four years a resident, he is apparently a permanent figure in the town, and a firm believer in its future.

W. J. Macartney, Druggist.

One of the first and principal requisites of any community is a first-class drug-store, for in a great many instances, in a town like Thorold the druggist is able to supply any deficiency of the physician. Thorold is fortunate in having such in the drug-store of Mr. W. J. Macartney on Front street, in which may be found all the requirements to be expected of an establishment of this character, which include a complete stock of pure drugs, chemicals, the leading proprietary remedies, and in fact remedial preparations of all kinds, as also a fine line of toilet and fancy articles. As a matter of fact it is as complete a drug-store, both in stock and arrangement, as could be anticipated even in a much larger town. Physicians' prescriptions are carefully compounded from the best of pure drugs, care being taken that nothing injurious shall enter therein. Veterinary medicines of established reputation are an essential adjunct to this large, well stocked and model drug emporium, over which Mr. Macartney has presided for over thirty years, and, so far as merit or price are concerned, it can be safely asserted that no similar establishment either in or out of town can offer any better or even so fair inducements.

James Millar & Co.

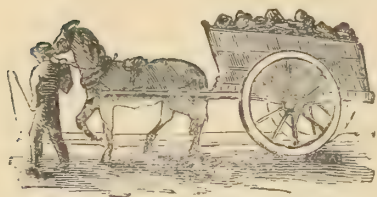
DRY GOODS, GENT'S FURNISHINGS AND TAILORING.

James Millar, the head of this firm, came from Scotland in 1857. In 1866 he began business for himself, and three months after his store and contents were burned in the big fire of that year. Unfortunately he had no insurance, so had to make a fresh start, which he did in the Dorris block, where, by industry and integrity, he laid the foundation of what afterwards grew into a substantial business, which has steadily increased since that time. In 1883 he purchased the present comfortable brick business and residence stand. In 1897 he took into partnership his son, D. E. Millar, hence the present firm name. The store is literally packed with all kinds of staple and fancy dry-goods, carpets, mattings, curtains, men's furnishings, hats and caps, men's and boys' ready-made clothing, and goods for the custom tailoring trade. The firm import direct from the old country markets much of their large and well-assorted stock, and can thus give exceptionally good values to their customers. These gentlemen have never been office seekers, yet both occupy responsible positions, Mr. James Millar being for many years a member of the Public School board and the Council of the Board of Trade, while D. E. Millar has been secretary-treasurer of the Public School board, and a member of the Public Library board, for a number of years.



P. McMahon.

COAL AND WOOD DEALER.



A SMALL office on Albert street, near Front, barely attracts attention from the passer-by. The same might be said of many of the offices of Wall-street

from whence issue influences of mighty import. This is the downtown office of Mr. P. McMahon, whose extensive coal and wood yards are on Ann street, on the west side of the canal. Mr. McMahon does business in a quiet, unassuming way, and gets there in good shape every time. He might be seen buying a cargo of wood today for cash, and tomorrow delivering half a cord in person to a humble customer. It is all the same to him. That's the kind of man he is. But from his well-stocked yards go season after season immense quantities of wood and coal, all kinds and sizes of either, to the people of the town. The yard is equipped with another office, weighing-scales, circular-saw and splitter driven by steam power, and all the conveniences for carrying on a very large business. He is assisted by his son, John McMahon, and has the utmost confidence of the public.



The Thorold Pulp Co., Limited.

THE Thorold Pulp Co., limited; whose plant is located on Front street, next the Stuart Foundry, has been in successful operation about a year, having been established May last. Its officials comprise: Mr. John Brown, president; Wm. Davidge, vice-president; T. H. Paterson, secretary; and Elmer E. Rowe, treasurer, all well known business men of enterprise, integrity and progressive methods. The plant comprises a two-story building 60 x 60, and is known to the trade as a two-grinder mill. It is thoroughly equipped with all modern machinery for manufacturing mechanically ground wood pulp, the lower story being devoted to the preparatory process, and the floor above to finishing of dry pulp, the daily output being ten tons, requiring ten cords of four-foot spruce in the production thereof, and employment is furnished to twenty hands.

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